# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

High School to College and Career Pathways

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#### **Get the Facts**

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### **Beyond High School**

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## **Sample Occupations**

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> Retail Buyer

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- > Tailor
- > Retail Sales Person
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